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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 0309

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT CH

SUBJ: MA YU-CHEN TURNS UP AT KAUNDA BANQUET

1. LOCAL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE INFORMED US THAT MA YU-CHEN, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICE OF MFA'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, TURNED UP FOR CHOU EN-LAI'S WELCOMING BANQUET FOR KAUNDA FEBRUARY 21. MA ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN UNDER A CLOUD FOR HAVING BEEN CONNECTED WITH CONTROVERSIAL ANTONIONI FILM ON CHINA AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN PEKING SINCE EARLY JANUARY. MA REPORTEDLY WAS EXTREMELY BUSINESSLIKE IN CONTRAST TO HIS USUAL GENIAL STYLE, AND HAD SOME HARSH WORDS FOR FOREIGN PRESS REPORTING ON EVENTS IN CHINA.

2. COMMENT: MA MAY HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY SURFACED AT KAUNDA BANQUET TO QUIET SPECULATION ABOUT HIM AND THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT'S DIFFICULTIES GROWING OUT OF THE ANTONIONI FILM. IN ANY CASE, HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY DAMAGED BY THE EPISODE.  
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